

Congressional Report**Senate Hearings Set
On Sentinel Missile**

A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee yesterday scheduled three days of hearings beginning Thursday on the controversial Sentinel defensive missile system.

Chairman Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) of the Disarmament subcommittee said Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird would be called to testify later. The first three hearing days will be dominated by scientists who oppose construction of the system.

Gore, who opposes the ABM, said the main question the subcommittee will try to answer is whether the United States should "first exhaust every possibility of entering into negotiations with the Soviet Union on the limitation of nuclear weapons before taking a step which might escalate the nuclear arms race."

Gerard C. Smith, director of the U.S. Disarmament Agency, will be the first witness. Others will include Daniel Fink, former Deputy Director of Defense for Research and Engineering; Dr. Hans A. Bethe of Cornell University; Carl Kayser, director of the Institute of Advanced Technology.

Princeton, and Marshall Sharpman of Columbia.

Spanish Bases

A House Foreign Affairs subcommittee will investigate the current negotiations in Madrid over continuation of U.S. bases and operating rights in Spain.

The subcommittee's chairman said a primary question to be asked was "just how necessary are these bases to the defense of the United States."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein (D-N.Y.) said his panel also wanted to know what if commitments such as security guarantees, the U.S. might have to make to Spain in return for extension of the military agreements.

Other Actions

- Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D-Mass.) will head a House Armed Services subcommittee to investigate the operations of the U.S. military services exchange system of ships, familiarly known as PXs.

- Sen. Edmund S. Muskie's Intergovernmental Relations subcommittee will hold hearings next week on whether to establish a select committee to investigate the future impact of scientific and technological change.

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